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**Generic Smart Meter
Investigation
E-00000C-11-0328**



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From: Elizabeth Kelley <ke...>
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2012
To: Electromagnetic Safety Alliance
Subject: Comments due on draft opt out/privacy proposal by the Arizona Corporation Commission
Attachments: Proposed optout.privacy policies.Olea.23MAR2012.pdf
Importance: High

Dear Arizonans for Safer Wireless Infrastructure and friends,
Please forward to others who might be interested.

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To our knowledge, the AZCC has not set a deadline for the end of the comment period. nor have they announced a public hearing held to review it. You need to know that according to state law, the AZCC can notify people of a scheduled meeting up until 24 hours in advance. This does not give people very much notice, especially for those who are not in the Phoenix area or who may not bhave previously scheduled activities. We will let you know of any scheduled meetings or other related developments.

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Let's all get on board together now to get the Arizona Corporation Commissioners to give the serious consideration to the people's call for greater health and privacy safeguards from wireless digital utility meters. Since we elected them, they need to represent us.

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Sent: Thursday, November 22, 2012 11:57 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: smart meters are dumb

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smart meters are smart to make money but dumb for peoples health as one smart meter can pollute a block of harmful emfs.ex physicist vance blow

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From: Elizabeth Kelley <lkelley_45@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 8:04 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Burns-Web; Newman-Web
Subject: New Report:Getting Smarter About the Smart Grid
Importance: High

Dear Arizona Corporation Commissioners

REF: Open Docket No. E-00000C-11-0328

Please add the press release in the link given to the docket listed above. This new report, prepared by credible, independent experts, raises serious questions about the overall cost effectiveness of the smart metering program being implemented in Arizona and nationwide. This report deserves your close study. The information presented here argues strongly for a major course correction, including a revision of the Arizona Energy Efficiency Plan.

A 63-page report is linked to, which provides critical details. I suggest that you and your staff review it, even if it is too voluminous to post in its entirety on the AZCC online docket.

Sincerely,

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Here is a link to a new report just published by the National Institute for Science, Law and Public Policy, called "**Getting Smarter About the Smart Grid**".

http://gettingsmarteraboutthesmartgrid.org/press_release_shortform.html

The report highlights widespread misunderstandings about the alleged benefits of the new 'smart' utility meters among state and local government officials, energy policy experts, advocates for renewable energies, environmental nonprofits, and experts at the highest federal levels. **It states that billions of dollars in federal subsidies for "smart" utility meters have been misspent on meter technology that will not lead to energy sustainability or contribute to the possibility of a more efficient and responsive electricity grid.**

This federal spending, instead of stimulating the economy, has cut jobs and delayed urgently needed investments to modernize our electricity grid, including integrating renewable energy technologies and distributed (local) power generation. More thoughtful investments could have moved the U.S. forward towards sustainability, but instead, unfortunately, funding allocation must have been influenced by the short-term bottom line interests of utility companies, as they are the only beneficiaries of these enormous sums.

The report:

"...calls the smart meter being rolled out across the U.S. "a canard—a story or hoax based on specious claims about energy benefits..."

Authored by engineering and policy consultant, Dr. Timothy Schoechle of Boulder, CO, an expert in smart grid technologies who serves on several international smart grid standard setting committees, the new report "*Getting Smarter About the Smart Grid*" states:

- Congress, state and local governments, as well as ratepayers, have been misled about the potential energy and cost saving benefits of the new "smart" meters, paid for in large part with taxpayer dollars, as well as ratepayer dollars.
- The present policy approach to electricity infrastructure in the United States depicted in the report, *Policy Framework for the 21st Century: Enabling Our Secure Energy Future*, issued by the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) of the

Executive Office of the President, evidences a fundamental lack of understanding of the problems associated with the future of electricity and energy.

- The growing grass roots rebellion against smart meters now happening in 18 states, such as CA, VT, AZ, TX, FL, PA, ME, IL OR and the District of Columbia, is only the "tip of the iceberg"—one that conceals a deeply dysfunctional energy economy needing urgent federal, state and local attention.
- Ratepayers' desire to "opt-out" of the new wireless meters on privacy, security, reliability, cost and potential public health grounds may herald an "epochal transformation of the political economy of energy".
- Much of the \$ multi-billion dollar federal subsidy for smart meters in the name of stimulus funding does not benefit ratepayers, nor support economic growth, but primarily benefits meter and meter networking manufacturers, while financially propping up unsustainable Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs).
- There are inherent conflicts in the monopoly utility business model preventing the nation from moving to a renewable energy economy, and utilities may eventually require a government bail out.
- Because Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) are paid on a per-kilowatt- of-energy-sold basis, and also receive a guaranteed ROR on assets, they do not have a financial incentive to encourage less energy usage, or to invest in technologies that would help citizens reduce energy consumption.
- Investors in utilities gain from the smart meter deployment, as they would from any other capital expenditure, while there is no clear gain and significant new risks (financial, privacy, security, health and safety, and cost) for the ratepayer and consumer.
- Utilities actually "curtail", or waste, much of the renewable energy now generated in order to protect the economics of investor-owned coal plants; state initiatives wanting to fulfill the promise of a 30% or higher renewable portfolio standard (RPS) is practically impossible in a coal baseload system....

Continued - Read More Here:

http://gettingsmarteraboutthesmartgrid.org/press_release_shortcode.html

Audio & Video Interviews re. "Getting Smarter About the Smart Grid"

www.GettingSmarterAbouttheSmartGrid.org/audio.html

Long Form Post (More Detailed):

http://gettingsmarteraboutthesmartgrid.org/press_release.html

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From: Eddie Maddock <eddies@npgcable.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 24, 2012 9:52 AM
To: Stump-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Newman-Web; Kennedy-Web
Cc: cfraulob@azruco.gov
Subject: SMART METERS DOCKET NO. E-00000C-11-0328

Importance: High

TO: Elected Officials of the Arizona Corporation Commission Stump, Burns, Pierce, Newman, and Kennedy

REFERENCE: Open Docket No. E-00000C-11-0328

In response to a Certified, Return Receipt Requested letter sent to APS dated Monday, September 05, 2011, I have in my file a response from APS Customer Service representative Valerie D. dated September 13, 2011, advising me that a "temporary 'hold' on the smart meter installation" at my home had been placed while APS explored whether there are any other options.

Prior to that on 9/2/11 by phone conversations with both Jessie Moore and "Sue" with APS, I had requested to be placed on an "opt-out-ban on smart meters in Sedona" list.

As concerns regarding installation of smart meters has escalated to new heights during the past year, it appears that Sedona is targeted for installation of these devices in the near future.

With reference to your recently proposed policy guidelines, I have concerns which include but are not limited to the following:

- Vagueness of protection from shared customer specific data.
- Threat of charging an opt-out fee for not wanting a "wireless" meter.
- Lack of protection from having installation of routers, repeaters, or collectors dangerously close to my property.

Throughout the past months, vast amounts of authentic information has been circulated, casting without a shadow of a doubt the potential health hazards that lurk behind blanket installation of smart meters. Personal testimonials abound. Do any of you have death wishes that would benefit being accommodated with installation of smart meters?

Please. Cease and desist with this project. You were elected to represent us, the voters, in the best interest of our health, safety, and welfare. Even if opt-out becomes a solid factor, those of us in that position will not be excluded from hazards of other smart meters in close proximity. And the thought of penalizing us with a fee? Come on. Say it isn't so.

Respectfully submitted from a 35 year APS customer.